

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF )

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SERIAL NO. 09/580,865 )

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FOR: Non-Return Optical Star Coupler )



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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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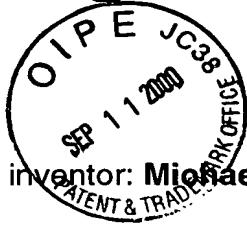
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